(*b*) whether they will be pleased to take drastic steps to stop such things hereafter?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) There was no issue of "Deepam" on 7th November 1938, being press holiday.

(*b*) Cleaning the roads are attended to by the sweepers under the Choondal Panchayat and the sanitary condition of the particular road in question is satisfactory.

KURIES—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

249. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Kuries in the State;

(*b*) the number of monthly Kuries in the State; and

(*c*) the number of Kuri suits instituted by foremen from the year 1111 to 1114?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 911.

(*b*) 215.

(*c*)

1111	*1112*	*1113*	*1114*
1017	973	659	255.

250. Mr. M. K. Devassy(*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Kuries suspended;

(*b*) the number of Kuries the period of which have been prolonged; and

(*c*) the number of Kuries in which unsuccessful meetings have been held for the purpose of suspending them or prolonging their period in the years 1111, 1112, 1113 and 1114? (The period refers to sub-clauses *a*, *b* and *c*).

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

	1111	*1112*	*1113*	*1114*
(*a*)	22	25	13	3
(*b*)	12	8	10	1

(*c*) No information is available.

ACCOUNTANT—INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT—QUALIFICATIONS OF.

251. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the post of the Accountant was created in the Income-tax Department;

(*b*) the reasons for creating that post;

(*c*) the minimum qualification for the same;

(*d*) the qualification of the present incumbent;

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(*e*) when the present incumbent was appointed ;

(*f*) whether he has been confirmed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The post was created with effect from 1st Karkadagam 1110.

(*b*) The post was created because the assessing officer and appellate authorities have to check the accounts of assessees and they can do that work better if they are assisted by a trained accountant.

(*c*) B. A. and Degree or Diploma in Accountancy and Audit, recognised for the purpose of the Companies Act, and knowledge of Guzerathi Language.

(*d*) An M. A., in Commerce of the Calcutta University with Auditing, Currency, Business organisation, Industrial structure and development as optional subjects and Accountancy, Commercial Law, Practical Economics and Banking as compulsory subjects.

(*e*) On 17th March 1936.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know Sir, whether the present incumbent has any qualification in the Guzerathi language ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): He has got a working knowledge of the language.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Has he passed any examination ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Has he applied for exemption from that qualification ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether the present incumbent was the first man appointed to the post ? Was there any previous incumbent ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, one Appukutta Menon from Nemmara. He died.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Was there one Desai holding this post ?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, during the interval between the death of Appukutta Menon and the appointment of the present incumbent.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): What was the pay of the accountant, when Mr. Desai was holding the post?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): It was Rs. 20 or 25; I am not quite sure.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I take it that now the grade of the accountant is Rs. 60—100?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know Sir, whether this Desai had a knowledge of Guzerathi?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): He knew only Guzerathi, nothing else.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know Sir, with reference to answer given to Question No. 185, whether the services of the accountant were utilised for auditing the accounts in the first instance?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): His services must have been utilised, I am not quite sure.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know Sir, whether the income from Guzerathi Assessees has increased or decreased since the appointment of the present incumbent?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

PASSENGERS FROM COCHIN TO RECLAMATION AREA—TRANSPORT OF.

252. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that arrangements are made for the transport of passengers from Cochin to the Reclamation area; and

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the affirmative, the annual estimate of costs incurred in connection with that item?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) No arrangements are made for the free transport of passengers from Cochin to the Reclamation area.

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